GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Sugar Production
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of sugar has decreased by 5.92 per cent by the 15th January of the current sugar season in comparison to the last sugar season resulting in 10 per cent increase in the whole sale prices of sugar since the last 15-20 years;
(b) whether the Government is considering to make sugar duty free to check the increasing prices of sugar; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a): Sugar production upto 15th January, 2017 during current sugar season has been about 106.77 Lac Tons in comparison to 109.60 Lac Tons for the corresponding period during the last season which is about 2.7 percent less than the last sugar season. All India Yearly Average Whole sale price of sugar at present is Rs. 3907/- per quintal and that ruling 15 years back in the market was Rs. 1335/- per quintal.
(b)&(c): With the carry over stock of 77 Lac Tons and estimated current season's production, sufficient sugar would be available to meet domestic consumption requirement at reasonable prices. Moreover, supply and price situation is monitored on regular basis by the government and appropriate actions are taken at appropriate time.
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